

Q<sub>1</sub> is methyl.

2. The compound according to claim 1 which is substantially enantiopure.

5 3. The compound according to claim 1 wherein Q is lower alkoxy containing 1-3 carbon atoms.

4. The compound according to claim 3 wherein Q is methoxy.

10 5. The compound according to claim 1 wherein Ar is unsubstituted phenyl.

6. The compound according to claim 1 wherein halo is fluoro.

15 7. The compound according to claim 1 wherein Q is alkoxy containing 1-3 carbon atoms and Ar is unsubstituted phenyl.

8. The compound according to claim 1 which is (R)-N-Benzyl 2-Acetamido-3-methoxypropionamide.

20 9. The compound according to claim 8 which contains at least 90% (w/w) R stereoisomer.

10. A therapeutic composition comprising an anticonvulsant effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1-9 and a pharmaceutical carrier therefor.

25 11. A method of treating central nervous system disorders in an animal comprising administering to said animal in need thereof an anticonvulsant effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1-9.

30 12. The method according to claim 11 wherein the animal is a mammal.

13. The method according to claim 12 wherein the mammal is a human.

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